

87. (New) The network node of claim 86, wherein the means for modifying the at least one entry marks up the at least one entry by negotiating a price between the supplier and agent and marks up the price by using one of a percentage and an amount for the agent to derive revenue from the at least one entry.

88. (New) The network node of claim 86, wherein the means for modifying the at least one entry marks up the at least one entry by increasing the supplier provided price to be one of equal and less than other entries in the results.

REMARKS

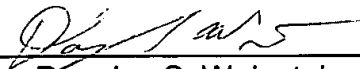
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the Amendment prior to examination of the application. By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 40 and 41 to provide proper antecedent basis for an element in each of the claims. Also, new claims 59-88 have been added and find full support in the specification as-filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by the new claims.

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APPENDIX TO PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OF OCTOBER 30, 2002

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Amendments To The Claims

40. (Amended) The method of claim 39, wherein the received information from the [second] database is based on information received with the second request.

41. (Amended) A network node that provides information, comprising:
a receiving device for receiving a request for information associated with an item;

a database, accessible by the device, that provides results responsive to the request;

a rule processor that modifies at least one entry in the [database] results to reflect a more competitive position when compared to another entry in the [database] results; and

a display device that displays the results to a consumer after the rule processor modifies the at least one entry.